

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

**May 18, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Craig called the meeting to order.

Mayor Craig stated due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Cavanaugh, Stewart, Roy, Sapienza, Sharonov, O'Neil, Terrio, Shaw, Barry, Gamache, Hirschmann

Absent: Aldermen Long and Levasseur

Mayor Craig advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak, all comments shall be limited to three minutes and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Matthew Normand, City Clerk, stated I have two communications to read into the record. The first is from Elizabeth Moreau and it states:

I would like to request that the board of mayor and aldermen repeal the resolution pertaining to masks. There no longer is state, or federal guidance showing this is still required. Currently there is a lot of confusion within our community about the resolution. It is not a law or ordinance and is not enforceable.

With repealing this resolution I hope some clarity will be made available to visitors and residents of Manchester.

As always, it is a business's choice or a person's individual right to wear a mask if they see fit. NH is leading the way with vaccination rates and infection rates have stabilized and decreased, but plainly people have done what they needed to do in order to get back to normal. Now let's stop the confusion and let people make decisions for their own well-being and not imply a "mandate" with no scientific need at this time.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Ann Moreau  
370 Whitford Street

City Clerk Normand stated the second one is from Kyle Davis and Robb Curry and it states:

On behalf of Queen City Pride, Kyle and Robb would like to thank Mayor Craig and the Alderman for reviewing our proposal tonight to host the 3rd annual pride festival at Arms Park on June 19.

Under the leadership of Mayor Craig, Manchester has been working hard to recognize and support the LGBTQ community. We are honored to synergize our personal efforts with the city to continue fostering safe spaces, inclusion, awareness and recognition.

Three years ago we started with a small block party on Hanover Street. Last year, we were grateful that this board had faith in our organization to hold an in person event with the social distancing safeguards we implemented.

This year, we are one of a few in-person pride events in New England. We have over 50 vendors and resource groups signed up. We have about 6-7 food trucks attending. We'll have a beer garden, live art demonstrations, a youth tent and many other activities. Over 30 local businesses and agencies have sponsored this event so far. We anticipate a large crowd of 1,500 to 2,000 people which is why we have requested an expanded area so we can implement social distancing guidelines. We submitted our COVID Compliance Policy which includes additional measure such as mask wearing, cleaning and sanitizing.

Our event is known to people throughout New England. They are coming to see what Manchester has to offer and to experience Manchester's celebration of the queer community. We respectfully request that you approve this event.

Furthermore, we respectfully request that the event application fee of \$300 be waived in exchange for identifying the City as a major Partner. We understand that individual departments will have labor costs which we will pay like late year.

This is only the beginning of Queen City Pride and the City of Manchester focusing on the LGBTQ community outside of the sea coast. Your leadership and encouragement in this endeavor is appreciated and respected.

Thank you,

Kyle Davis and Robb Curry

*There being no one else wishing to speak, **Alderman Cavanaugh** moved to take all comments under advisement and further to receive any written documentation presented. **Alderman Barry** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.*

*There being no further business, **Alderman Cavanaugh** moved to adjourn. **Alderman Barry** duly seconded the motion. Mayor Craig called for a vote. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

City Clerk